

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 4, 11, 13-17, and 20 are currently pending.

Claims 4, 13-17, and 20 were previously presented and stand allowed. Claim 11 is amended herein to incorporate elements of claim 12. Claim 12 is canceled herein.

During standard review of the Specification and claims, Applicants noticed that claim 11, as previously presented and allowed, was substantially similar to claims 1 and 2 of parent case U.S. Serial No. 08/409,122, filed March 22, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,820,870, from which the present application claims priority. Consequently, Applicants have decided not to pay the issue fee and to file instead a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Further to the above, Claim 11 has been amended herein to require that the virus-like particles are comprised of recombinant L1 protein, or recombinant L1 + L2 proteins of human papillomavirus 18, wherein the recombinant L1 protein or the recombinant L1 + L2 proteins are produced in yeast. Applicants respectfully note that this amendment affects claims 13-17 and 20, which are dependent on claim 11.

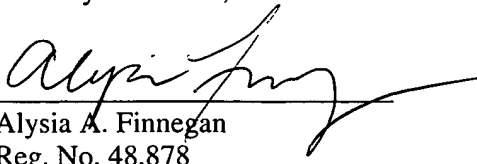
Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11 is in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claim be allowed.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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